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BRANCH: Trade and Finance Branch, Services Division, Economic Research Area, Office of Research and Reports

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1. Branch Mission:

The Trade and Finance Branch is responsible for producing all-source economic intelligence on international trade and finance of the Soviet Bloc, for contributing to the coordination of such intelligence production within the US Government and for contributing within its field of responsibility to national estimates. The Trade and Finance Branch is similarly responsible for producing economic intelligence on Soviet gold production, reserves and sales. The Branch is the only organization in the intelligence community that (1) carries on a significant research activity on intra-Bloc trade and finance or (2) prepares intelligence reports using all sources in foreign trade research.

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